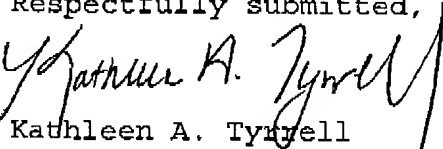


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REMARKS

Claim 1 is pending in the instant application. Claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions set forth in a Telephone Interview conducted on June 2, 2004. Support for the amendments to claim 1 is provided in the specification at page 11, lines 9-13. No new matter is added by these amendments. It is believed that this amendment overcomes all outstanding rejections. Thus, entry of this amendment and allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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